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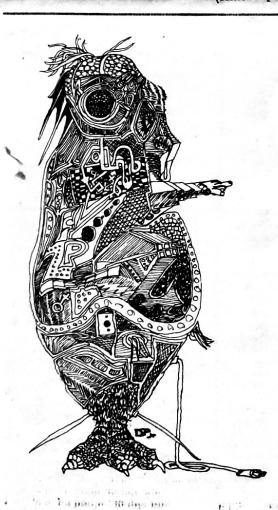
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A few new notes on Pacifica Radio. On April 16, 1969, Pacifica issued a request for an FCC permit After a mandatory 30 day waiting period, the permit can be granted. But the normal waiting period is 2-6 months. Generally, the better case for a viable station that can be made, the sooner the permit is granted. And the best evidence of a potentially viable station is lots and lots of money.

Pacifica do-sn't have lots and lots of money. It has about \$60,000. This is probably enough to get the permit, eventually. But Pacifica representative Don Gardner wants "at least \$80,000 to go on the air." A subscription blank is provided at the end of the article, and all subscribers will receive the monthly Pacifica portfolio, listing the month's programming.

Pacifica's programming will be roughly divided into two parts. First, the talk programs. These

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LEE OTIS JOHNSON

FREE LEE OTIS JOHNSON (From issue B4 of Citizens for Political Action). --Latest developments in the attempt to leave Houston's Black community without young and militant leaders by "traming" men like Lee Otis Johnson will be reported at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 27. (Enter campus at light on Cullen Aud. at rear of Liberal Arts Bldg.) Speakers will include--

Dr. Clark Read, Rice scientist and chairman of Houstons chapter of the ACLU. Will Gray, Johnson's attorney. Ester King, "minister of education," Black

Student Union
WILL LEE OTIS JOHNSON EMERGE FROM JAIL.

The campaign to silence Johnson, militant leader in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, began in 1967 when Texas Southern University obtained an injunction to prevent his speaking on campus. Soon after, he and his lawyers were removed from a car at gumpoint, and the car torn up. Protests to the city council met with the reply that "A lawyer who takes such a client can expect what he gets."

Police harassed Johnson regularly; he was charged five times with theft on evidence so flimsy that even a racist district attorney refused to prosecute. Then, on April 14, 1968, during rites honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., Johnson

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decency rally

Marvin Key Collie, 111

On April 27th in the Sam Houston Coliseum a recently formed organization entitled "Young Texans for Decency" will hold a rally featuring top name entertainment and speeches. The purpose of this rally is to have young people attend and have an opportunity to stand up for a decent code of living. Both the Junior Board and the Executive Board of Adult Advisors feel that the riotous group of students now prevalent on college and high school campuses is a minority and receives too much publicity. This rally is to publicize and emphasize the majority of cleancut and decent youth which the

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LET'S TAKE A LOOK

Now, then, let's take a look around our school. Let's all see what's happening. All does not seem well.

There seems to be a lot of grumbling going on They among the students. seem to feel that they are not treated fairly! Why, only yesterday they had to listen to someone tell them that they were, indeed, treated more than fairly. Didn't they believe it? They seem to believe that the length of a boy's hair has nothing to do with the process of learning! They even believe the same way about the length of girl's dresses, when we all know that scientific evidence proves the contrary. Why, of course! They must all be a bunch of those student radicals -3,000 of them!

Now, let's look at the real situation which faces us. First, let's take a good, long look at our "Student Council". Who are they? What are they doing? What are their motives? Who is behind them? The members of the student council are the 'elite' (or, so they would have you believe) and the socialites. They are doing whatever seems the best or the most fun times, to obtain the sense of power, and to gain social status. They are backed by the administration of this school, for which they are simply a pack of lackeys. A "Student Council", or rather, an "Administrative Council of Students" meeting is simply a series of oratories from Mrs. B and Mr. S to their pack of yes-men. The very constitution under which the student council operates is a catalogue of rules and regulations which screen out the average, normal students who try to gain admission into the council. (Two years ago,

was elected to the position of Executive President of the student council. Because of a rule which Mrs. B dug up,

from the council for making a 'D'.

was then made the Executive President of the council - NOT THE VICE PRESIDENT, but the loser of the election was made the president. Judge this one fens:)

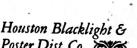
It seems that the most important function which the members of the student council perform is to arrange the dances.
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Who decides if there is to be a cance? Who deci des upon the date of the dance? Who decides which band will perform at the dance? Who decides upon the theme or nature of the dance? Who fixes admision prices? Not you man! The decisions are all made by the council of lackeys. As you can see, their only function, the dances, is controlled entirely by them - not you - THEM! After the dance flops, as it us-ually does, your "rep-resentatives" come to your homeroom, under administrative approval, of course, and blame YOU for the fiasco! GET REAL, YOU GANG OF COUNCIL CRONIES, IT'S YOUR FAULT, AND NOT

THAT OF THE STUDENTS. Now it's time for look at "The Game." "The Game" is a massive and lengthy one, and it is as follows: Move one: The administration decides to crack down on students whom they feel may not be following the school rules. There need not be specific charges levied against an individual, but the individual may still be punished. Move two: A few of the students, who are ever-change ing in their style and tastes, do something which may seem out of the ordinary (long hair, perhaps). Move three; The administrators read into the rules and regulations of hte school board They find a vague and non-specific passage and read their own meanings into the statement. Their interpretations are then considered rules. Move four: The administrators attempt to enforce their newlyhatched rule. The punishment for infringement of their rule may range from being temporarily sent home, to detention, to suspension, or perhaps ev en expulsion. Move five: Students throughout the country start to purposely defy the rule.

As far as the student is concerened, the game is won or lost on an individual basis. The student wins if he or she gets away with flouting the rule. The administrator wins if he or she catches the student and inflicts punishment.

THIS GAME HAS GOT TO STOP!! It's about time that the school administrators used psychology, WHOLESALE



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open minds, and friendly relations, instead of boards, detention, and susnension. They are authoritarians and they simply cannot believe that they could be mistaken, or that an iron hand only brings hatred, dissent, and a stronger will from the opposition to fight. Even history enables us to see this basic truth concerning human nature. Hitler learned the lesson well when he tried to bomb the English into submission. The more he bombed, the greater was the resistance displayed by the British. If things do not change quickly, and the administration does not cease to make the first move in "The Game", the administrators may well

learn the painful lesson which Ritler learned from the British. This is not a threat, but simply a prediction as easy to calculate as the addition of two plus two.

Questions concerning the friction between the administration and the student body should be discussed in the open-not in sessions consisting of two hours of shouting and name calling, which was the case when Richard Schmidt expressed his feelings in the school news-paper.

It is hereby suggested that the school administrators, provided that they have the courage to do so, and would not punish participants, should proceed with open discussion with any student or group of students wishing to par-

ticipate at the time of the discussion. The discussions should be open to everyone. Discussions should take place during an assembly in the cafeteria, auditorium, stadium, or anywhere else on campus capable of seating all interested persons.

Even if no student decided to participate in the discussion, the administrators should speak. This will at least give them a chance to explain their positions to the students. Something had bet-ter be done quickly, or there is likely to be trouble toward the end of the year with the magnitude to reach into the next school year. If the administrators are unable to see this they are sure ly as blind as bats, and peaceful means of presenting grievances may prove useless. We hope that ot never comes to unruly protests or violence. But remember, students, the administrators can call off "The Game and allow us to install a real student council, with a real constitution anytime they wish to do so. Unite and make your grievances known before it's too late. This action alone will bring beneficial lesults for everyone concerned.

We sincerely hope that our administrators will respond to the needs and wishes of the students. The situation is in their hands. They have the options; but, if the students fail to form a single frame of mind and general list of objectives, all is lostfor everyone.

hopefully, James Riley 15

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BLUEBERR TES

It was a cool summer evening in late August in northern Wisconsin. A man who was in his middle years of life say on the still warm sand and roasted pike over the coals.

Walt Anderson's ruddy face appeared ageless in the reflection of the fire. He was tall and wiry, and eyes the color of the lake in February. He

had seen better times.
He thought, "This is 1968. Twenty years ago I flunked out my sophomore year at Wisconsin State. How different things were then. There was Kathy, but then she married Howie, my brother." Later, a nearby foghorn echoed the sound DU-LOOTH; Walt was already asleep.

Morning came with the calling of the loons, and Walt got up from the sand and swam across the cove

and back.

After climbing into his old Ford, he drove to the C hateau Madelaine resort where he worked as a bartender. He mixed a champagne cocktail for a silly matron in shorts who spoke about the weather. "God," he thought, "What happened. Twenty years

Eighteen years ago Howie, Jr. was born, Kathy first child. Howie sent me a card. He sent me a Christmas card that year too."

Walt mixed a few more drinks for the silly "lady". Her hubby was a big man in meat packing (pigs feet). He was tied up with "business" back home.

"Eleven years ago Kathy and Howie came to see me here on the island. There wasn't much to say. We were all uncomfortable. They left the next day. I got high that day."

Once more Walt's thoughts were interrupted -the "lady" again. He mixed another one. told him about her son in medical school.

"Four years ago they came to the island again. The two kids came, too. Nice kids. They stayed three days this time and we were more uncomfortable than before. Kathy kissed me on the cheek before she and Howie departed. That night the Chateau Madelaine bartender got drunk."

"Last month they stopped again on their way to Canada. The kids were in college. Memories came back to me."

After they left, Walt took the "Nicheview" ferry to the mainland. He went to the tavern in Bayfield. That weekend was lost. When he got out of jail, he took the ferry back to the island.

Two days later, the sheriff stopped at Walt's cabin. Although it was empty, he soon found Walt on the beach. An empty blueberry pail was in his lifeless hands.

Bob Lodge

A 25-year-old former gomery County (Md.) has of the County Governbeen sentenced to six months in jail for selling copies of the Washington Free Press

The issue he was selling has been labeled "obscene" by the State's Attorney for the county because of a cartoon depicting a naked judge masturbating. The cartoon adjoined an article attacking Circuit Court Judge James Pugh, citing his past record on and off the bench. Judge Pugh had earlier ordered a grand jury investigation

WASHINGTON (CPS)--- of the Free Press because it advocated the overthrow probation officer in Mont- of the Mounty Government ment, he said.

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I went (with my wife) to my first party After returning from Danang; I was confronted by the hostess, "Would you care to da --"I'm sorry, I didn't know About your legs."

by Milton McNiel

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID.....

There has never been a just one, never an honorable one-on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful-as usual-will shout for the war. The pulpit will-warily and coutiously-object -- at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, "It is unjust and dishonor-able, and there is no necessity for it"

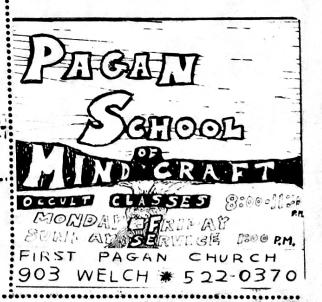
Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will outshout them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech stran-gled by hordes of furious men who in their hearts are still at one with the stoned speakeras earlier but do not dare to say so. And now the whole nation-pulpit and all-will take up the war-cry and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame on the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of these conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception.

> Samuel L. Clemens "The Mysterious Stranger"



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(CPS)-One of the unintended domestic consequences of the war in Vietnam has been the growing awareness of the dangers of intimate connections between the military and the academia.

Perhaps the most blatant examples of colleges and universities willingly performing functions that are rightly the concern of the military is the Reserve Officers Training Cores (ROTC).

After many years of relatively tranquil existence on the nation's campuses, ROTC has come under fire of late from those who believe that, philosophically and pedagogically, military training has no place in an extent.

training has no place in an academic institution. In recent months such leading institutions as Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Harvard and Stanhave all taken steps toward revoking academic credit from their ROTC programs. Currently, many other colleges and universities are also re-evaluating the status of their own ROTC programs.

The Stanford decision is especially significant because it was premised on philosophic rather than pragmatic grounds. As a member of the

R.O.T.C.

committee which prepared the report explained, "We began with a definition of the university and found an essential conflict between this and the definition of ROTC."

Academia's traditional function is to inspire critical thinking about man and his society, aloof from partisan of superficial considerations. But is impossible for colleges and universities to perform this unique role if they are also subsidizing the brutal militarism of the outside world.

Some have argued that academic institutions, especially those which are public sponsored, have an obligation to be politically neutral and that this neutrality requires the continued support of ROTC programs on campus.

At a time when the military is an integral element in an expansionist foreign policy opposed by a sizeable

segment of the population both inside and outside academia, it is clear that the ROTC program is as partisan in its own way as is Students for a Democratic Society.

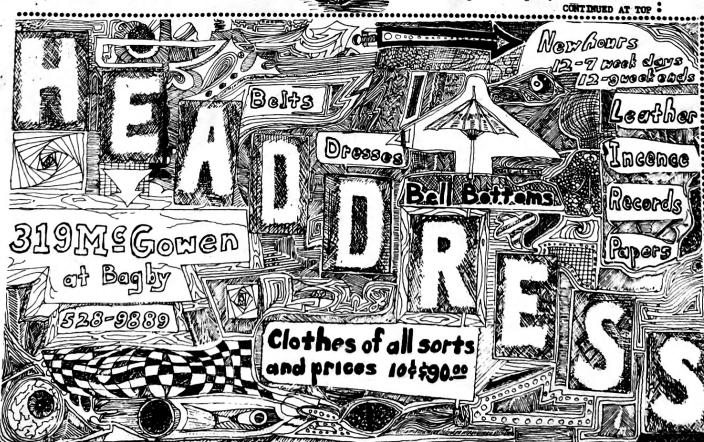
Thus, in a modern context, colleges and universities are only politically neutral when they as institutions stand between the government and its critics. Clearly, the continued support for ROTC would be the height of political partisanship.

Hans Morganthau write recently that one of the key lessons of the Vietnam war was the danger of too intimate a relationship between the campus and the government. Already, he noted, large segments of the academic community have been transformed

"into a mere extension of the government bureaucracy, defending and implementing policies regardless of their objective meits".

ROTC is not only antithetical to the ultimate poses of higher education, but contrary to basic ped agogical principles as well. While the development of critical thinking is an integral part of a liberal ed-





ucation, the teaching methods employed in ROTC programs tend to emphsize rote learning and deference to authority. This is far from surprising, as critical thinking has never been a highly prized military virtue. Consequently, the ROTC program is geared to produce intellectually stunted martinets.

An example af the type of educational thinking behind the ROTC program at many universities is vided by the solemn pronouncement last year of an ROTC officer at the University of Minnesota. In a frighteningly serious echo of XCatch-22 he declared, "Marching is the basic leadership program of every officer."

Equally alien to the ends of a liberal education is the unquestioning submissiveness endemic in the rigidly hierarchical structure of military education. It is hard to develop any sponteneity -- much less dialogue -- within the classroom when the professor is not just a teacher, but a superior officer as well.

For those congenitally unimpressed by philosophical arguments predicated on the goals of higher education, there are some equally potent pragmatic reasons why ROTC is in no way a valid course offering.

A faculty curriculum committee at the University of Michigan stated the case clearly when it charged that ROTC course materials used in Ann Arbor were "conjectual, non-analytical, cheaply moralistic, and often blatantly propagandistic."

The bulk of the ROTC program consists of technical pourses often less rigorous than similar courses offered in the math, science, and engineering programs of most colleges and universities.

Typical of those ROTC programs not duplicated elsewhere is an Air Force ROTC course entitled "The History of the Role of the Air Force in U.S. Military History." Designed primarily to incucate institutional loyalty, rather than to develop critical thinking, courses like these are clearly not history. They are not even valid military history since inter-service rivalry results in an inflation of the role of the Air

The intellectual vacuity of many ROTC courses is directly related to the rather limited educational backgrounds of the preponderance of ROTC faculty. Despite education which normally does not exceed a bachelor's degree, ROTC instructors are accorded a status comparable to professors in more rigorous disciplines, and due to the high degree of autonomy

of the ROTC program, colleges and universities have little control over the hiring, firing, or promotion of these instructors.

But objections such as these spring from the form rather than the underlying substance of ROTC. On a substantive level, it is difficult to avoid the blunt



is totally hostile to the principles of academia.

It was the simplistic "My Country Right or Wrong" patriotism of the First World War which spawned the original ROTC program. But one of the clearest lessons of the Vietnam tragedy is that such unquestioning support of government policy is not only mara morally bankrupt, but counter to the long-range interests of the nation as well as of the campus.

In order to reassert the sanctity af academia as a and educationally autonomous institution, it is necessary to end the universities' role as the unquestioning servant of government and military. The abolition of ROTC as a sanctioned course offering would be a major step in this direction.

(Signers of the national ROTC editorial were: THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC at Berkeky), THE DAILY BRUIN (UCLA), EL GAUCHO (UC Santa Barbara). (Univ. of Maryland), THE BU NEWS (Boston Univ.), AMHERST DAILY (Univ. of Massachusetts), MICH-IGAN DAILY (Univ. of Michigan), STATE NEWS (Michigan State Univ.), MINNESOTA DAILY (Univ, of Minnesota), REFLECTOR (Mississippi State Univ.), STUDENT LIFE (Washington Univ.), GATEWAY (Univ. of Nebraska), THE DUKE CHRONICLE (Duke Univ.), TARGUM (Rutgers Univ.), LOBO (Univ. of New Mexico), COLONIAL NEWS (Harper College, State Univ. of N. Y. at Binghampton), SPECTRUM (SUNY at Buffalo), STATESMAN (SUNY at Stoney Brook), RECORD (Antioch College), POST (Ohio Univ.), DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (Univ. of Pennsylvania), CAVALIER DAILY (Univ. of Virginia), DAILY (Univ. of Washington), and the DAILY CARDINAL (Univ. of Wisconsin).

THE COLORADO DAILY (University of Colorado), DAILY ILLIM (Univ. of Illinois), THE EXPONENT (Purdue Univ.), THE KERNAL (Univ. of Kentucky), THE HULLABALLOO (Tulane Univ.), DIAMONDBACK



a child stands in the street

eyes forlornly gazing into nothingness father imprisoned within War's death wall mother floated upward upon a mushroom cloud are these the memories a child should hold? yet the soldiers march on ..

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a mother.

Not a father, not

The existence of violence is at the very heart of a racist system. The Afro-American is a "militant" because he defends himself. He does not introduce violence into a racist social xystem - the violence is already there, and has always been there. It is precisely this unchallenged violence that allows a racist social xystem to perpetuate itself. When people say that they are opposed to Blacks "resorting to violence" what they really mean is that they are opposed to Blacks defending themselves and challenging the exclusive monopoly of violence practiced by white racists. by ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

from NEGROES WITH GUNS

If you would like to see the Free Press remain in houston, please send contributions. *****************************

PFLASHLYTE PFOLLOWUP *****************

On April 15, 1969, Judge Seals issued a special ruling placing Mike Fisher and Dan Sullivan back in Sharpstown Senior High School and restraining the Sharpstown principal Coy Stewart from punishing the boys for their publications. Also, the boys are to be allowed to make up work lost during their suspension.

This is, however, only a special ruling and therefore applies only to Sharpstown.

A general court ruling will be issued by Judge Seals in June. This ruling will be used as precedence in future cases involving high school "underground" newspapers. This is the one that was and mabye the one that is.

Hooray for the administration! The beautiful, flawless administration. How could we exist without the kind-hearted, always understanding administrators, counselors, and faculty. Those wonderful teachers who just cannot understand how a student who has six whole minutes to go to his locker, travel through crowded halls, and climb stairs can be thirty seconds late to their precious classroom. How would a bunch of irrational, irresponsible students know when their hair was too long or their dresses too short (whichever the case may be). We students sure are stupid to work for love and peace when the administrators know that the only say to achieve love and peace is to stand around with your hands in your pockets. Boy, age and experience sure pay off. Sometimes we think that the respect the administrators insist we give them because they're our elders should be earned. We're a generation of new ideas and warped minds. The sooner we realize this, the better off we'll be. We should thank God for the administration instead of hating it. After all they know what is best and if, you don't believe me you can always ask them.

G.P.

exams



(CUP-CPS) -- I want to call for an organized conscious campaign of cheating for the spring examinations.

You see, I used to think that the ex-

amination system should be abolished. And a suitable protest would be that no one would write exams. And I did that, but they still tried to give me a de-

So I gave up on that type of protest. Now, I've sold out. All I want to do is to make the examination system bet-

I sat down for two weeks all by myself in a closet with an armload of books and candles. And I thought and read and thought and read and I didn't sleep much and after thirteen and a half days I said, "Ahah!" and I came out and here is what I had learned.

The examination is supposed to measure how much you have learned about the subject material being questioned via the examination, up until the time you write your answers. You would not be able to figure out any (or at least not very many) of the answers just by thinking about them in your virgin head.

So what the society does for you is give you a place (the university) to learn in, and books (the library)full of information, and people (the teachers) who know all sorts of goodies that they were examined on and that they read and were taught. And if you want to, and are brave or friendly or pretty enough, there are even other people around whom you can talk to and listen to and learn good stuff form.

And if you've really been lucky, the books you bought were used and

written in (in ink) and that was still another person to talk to, or at least listen to and learn from.

Now as a psychology professor said to his class while they were writing his Xmas exam. "Don't guess, because the

exam is rigged and I'll find out, and it'll cost you." And that's reasonable, because the exam is only supposed to measure what you've learned and guessing would be cheating.

But if you're not going to cheat, there are only a few ways to get good marks: Sleep with the professor (cheating

in more ways than one).

Know ahead of time what's going to be on the exams (called cheating unless the professor hands it out in some form of protest) and even then it becomes a matter of how well you can write or something like that.

Guess what the professor wants to

Have the exam only on what the individual student learned from the course and the reading and his life. Have the exam on what all the stu-

dents have learned (impossible).

So I fall back on cheating as the only way to pass the average exam. But not everyone wants to cheat, or does it well or has a conscience that will let them do it all.

So what I propose is that when the exams are passed around, the examinees get together and discuss the questions and decide on the answers. If there are two or more solutions to one problem

then you divide up the work load among yourselves.

And this hardly even seems to be cheating, the more I think about it. Because what you put down is what you have just learned through discussion, and that's what the examination is supposed to be measuring.

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DECENCY RALLY (cont. from page 1)

leaders of the project feel are to be found in this area.

OTHER IDEAS ON DECENCY.....

The proposed decency rally raises a serious question as to the place for decency.

Our democracy is based on the strength of the individual yet people insist on holding huge rallies for one cause or another. They cry, "We're for decency," but how many of them exceeded the speed limit on the way to the rally, and how many of them have parents who cheated on their income tax? The place for, and the power of decency is still with the individual.

Some justify the rally on the grounds that there is strength in numbers. There is, but for whom? The emotionalism generated at these rallies can drive a person to do and say strange things far afield from his actual beliefs. It is the fodder on which dictatorships thrive.

Before one rallies to a cause he should make sure that it is his cause......

Arthur Hackett 5308 Maple, Bellaire

BLOOD at DOW

Washington (CPS) -- The Presidio 27, Cantonsville 9, Milwaukee 14, Oakland 7.... These are some of the radical groups who have been brought to courts around the country for a variety of charges - all stemming from Vietnam war protests.

The Presidio group is from a military base where some soldiers were charged with mutiny when they held a small, minor demonstration inside the stockade there; the Oakland 7, (recently aquitted) were charged with conspiracy when they planned anti-draft demonstrations on the west coast; the Cantonsville (Md.) and Milwaukee groups were groups of clargy who destroyed Selective Service files in their respective cities. "Some things have no right to exist," they explain when discussing napalming draft files.

Last month nine people in Washington, apparently taking the cue fron these counterparts around the country, literally broke into the Washington offices of Dow Chemical Company on a Sunday afternoon, dripped human blood over furniture and files, took sone files and threw them out a window, and immediately subjected themselves to arrest.

It was the first such "hard-core" radical action in the nation's Capital, which has a large liberal and "free-community" population but few "rad-action" types. It also hit at a type of office which has so far remained immune from attack - the corporate office in Washington, where representatives of industrial firms operate when seeking government contracts.

The statement issued by the "D.C. 9" warned such companies: "We deny the right of your faceless and inhuman corporation(s) to exist." They told Dow: "We warn you...that we will no longer tolerate your refusal to accept responsibility for your programmed destruction of human life.

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son made a speech in which he attacked the mayor and the police chief. Two days later he was indicted for allegedly giving a marijuana cigarette to a police spy six weeks previously!! The subsequent trial was in the classic South-

ern tradition. Fourteen persons on a jury panel admitted they'd heard of Johnson -- his name had been in the papers 100 times in 18 months -- but the judge barred inquiry as to whether they were prejudiced as a result of what they had read. When the lawyer asked for time to prepare his case, the answer was to schedule the case two weeks earlier than originally set. A change of venue to a less prejudiced atmosphere was denied. No Black served on the jury. The mayor and police chief evaded subpoenas as witnesses. The DAnot known to have prosecuted personally a mari juana case before or since Johnson -- demanded a life sentence for Johnson "to prevent another Watts." Freeing Johnson, he said, would put Houston's women and children in peril. A jury(?) deliberated 20 minutes, then decided that Johnson hadn't possessed a marijuana cigarette, but had given the cigarette (which he didn't possess) to the spy. Although the usual sentence is two years on probation for such an offense, the jury sentenced Johnson to 30 years in prison. ACTION SUGGESTED: Contribute to Lee Otis Johnson Defense Fund, Box 6534, Houston 77005.

"Black Houston has had it," a speaker recently told the Catholic Interracial Council. "If officials want to start a riot, this is the way to go about it." And Johnson's associate. Ester King, said, "If they don't break him in jail, they are going to kill him there. I don't believe he will come out alive. If he does, he won't live long. Not in Houston."

Find enclosed a \$_______donation to the Lee Otis Johnson Defense Fund. send to LOJ defense Fund Box 6534 Houston, Texas, 77005

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You...are so willing to seek profit in the production of napalm, defoliants, nerve gas, in the same spirit you co-operated with I.G. Farber Co., a chemical manufacturer in Nazi Germany...YOUR PRODUCT IS DEATH, YOUR MARKET IS WAR. Your offices have lost thier right to exist. It is a blow for justice that we strike today."

The action planned by the "D.C. 9" had been

The action planned by the "D.C. 9" had been planned well in advance. Reporters were led to the Washington Post building, directly across the street from the Dow offices, before it occurred for "a happening." The decoy planned to divert the building security guard worked successfully. Police arrived after the offices were ransacked, and the demonstrators were led off in a police van singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Who carried out such a bold plot? Eight of the the nine were Catholics, including three priests, two Jesuit scholastics who are scheduled to be ordained in two months, a former priest, a nun, and a former nun. The youngest was Michael Slaski, 20, who previously did resistance work in Detroit after turning in his draft card. A fellow Detroiter is Dennis Maloy, a priest, serving at the Visitation Parish. Arthur Melville, 36, was the oldest. Melville had been a missionary priest in Guatamala, and is now lecturing around the country on U.S. intervention in Latin

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America. Melville's wife Catherine also participated. Others among the group include Joseph O'Roarke, a Jesuit priest from Woodstock College. He is currently teaching a course in moral theology at Baltimore's Loyola College. The former priest is Robert Begin, who was suspended from the St. Gregory Parish in Cleveland earlier this year. Another Clevelander is Bernard Meyer, cofounder of the Cleveland Catholic Peace Movement.

Another participant was Army veteran Michael Dougherty, a Jesuit, and now a student at Woodstock College. Rounding out the nine is Sister Joann Malone. She went to Webster College in St. Louis, and now does resistance work in that city.

The nine began a fast in jail instead of posting bond. They ended the fast a week later and then posted bond.

Dow representative Herbert B. Dean called the incident "far beyond the bounds of reasonable protest...ANY GROUP THAT FEELS IT HAS THE RIGHT TO DESTROY THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS HAS GONE BE-YOND THE LIMIT OF LEGITIMATE DISSENT."

What would drive a group of religious radicals to go "beyond the limit of legitimate dissent?" Father Meyer explains it in terms of celibacy and church authority. Celibacy, he says, creates a condition of freedom for priests which enables them to take the consequence of civil disobedience. Church authority conditions Catholics to the futility of trying to bring about change through established methods, he told the National Catholic Reporter.

Two reverands from Fr. Moloney's Detroit Church called the action an " actualization of the traditional stance of the Christian Church addressing herself to the poor and the oppressed. It ... is the role of the priest to give voice to those without adequate voice, to give action to live out our convictions as he does. We see this courageous act as encouraging us to positive actions on our part."

Sister Malone got telegrams of support from some of her students and fellow faculty at Nerinx Hall High School in Webster Groves, Mo., as well as from her order. But she also heard that only 7 out of 350 parents of her pupils voted not to demand her ouster.

The "D.C. Nine" have been issuing statements periodically. One of these was an open letter from the D.C. jail to the "Bishops and Religious superiors of the U.S." which called their act "based on sound maral principle." Another said, "Possibly our action might be an aid to others in making a decision to risk themselves in mobilizing for justice."

The group has also called for a boycott of consumer products made by Now Chemical, including Seran Wrap, Handi Wrap, Diryl (a flea powder), Dow insecticides and Dowelene.

Legally, of course, there is little justification for their action. Morally many rationalss have been brought forth. The most interesting came from Rev. Richard McSorely of Georgetown University. "A law can be disobeyed morally and sometimes should be disobeyed when the following conditions are fulfilled: 1) When the law con-

flicts with a higher law; 2) When petition and

all other organized efforts have failed; 3) When the people involved have shown in their lives a "pattern of deep respect for the law"; 4) When those committing the action willingly accept the punishment for what they consider to be an innocent act; and 5) When disobedience to the law involves no personal harm of injury."

The case is now before the grand jury in Washington. Charges are second degree burglary and destruction of property over \$200. Together the maximum penalties are 25 years in jail. Meanwhile the nine are back in their respective hometowns. A defense committee in Washington is set up in their behalf, trying to make speaking engagements for the nine and serve as a clearing house for information.

The nine attacked another facade of the military-industrial complex--one which had remained immune until now. The action can only serve as a boost to others around the country and in the capital who are contemplating similar activities.

EXAMS ??, cont. from page six

It would be even better if you convinced the professor (or maybe a couple of others who know good things) to come

Maybe they'd have to move the exams ahead a week or two or maybe thirteen, but this seems to be a perfectly good way If we worked hard to write exams. enough at it, it would be a good way to learn and everyone could teach everyone and be a teacher.

If everyone were a teacher, then the students could begin to set their own exams. And to give themselves enough time they should do it at the start of the semester. And that could be the course. And for teaching and examining themselves (at least in part) the students in those classes could be exempted from tuition.

And some of the radicals would be happy, because this would mean we could get rid of some of the administrative crap. All we'd need would be some of those people to keep exam records -not collect tuition. And when they realized that everyone always got good marks they could do away with the record keeping and they wouldn't need the computer for that and we wouldn't have to throw it through a window. We'd just have parties for everyone who had been here a few years and had learned a lot and put flowers around their necks and call them BA's.

(Or maybe we could even think of son thing more pleasant to call each other.)

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